

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-17, 40-60, 62-65, 67-71, 80, 81 and 83-86 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-3, 5-17, 40-60, 62-65, 67-71, 80, 81 and 83-86 are allowed.

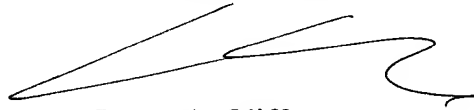
By this amendment, all rejected claims 72-79 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Thus, the present application is placed in condition for allowance with the claims that are indicated as allowed in the Office Action.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); and (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (as the amendments cancel rejected claims). Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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